

# Virginia AVIATION



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## Aviation World's Fair 2003 Groundbreaking Ceremony Held



*Senator Warner Keynote Speaker*

The Commonwealth of Virginia, the Peninsula Airport Commission and Aviation World's Fair, Inc. officially broke ground at the Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport (NNWIA) in late August for the Aviation World's Fair 2003 which will be held April 7-27, 2003. The 180-acre site will initially be used as the foundation for the entire fair, as well as launch and display aircraft during the three-week event. After the fair, local and state officials eventually want to develop the site into an aviation business park.

Proponents of the Aviation World's Fair, including Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore and both of the Commonwealth's U.S. senators, note that NNWIA is ideally located between Capitol Hill and Kill Devil Hill, N.C. The airport has two intersecting runways, the longest of which is 8,003 ft., as well as scheduled air service. It was selected from more than 20 possible venues in the U.S.

"The Fair is a celebration of the many achievements in aviation and space since the first flight by the Wright Brothers in 1903," said Aviation World's Fair, Inc. Chief Executive Officer Tom Kallman. "So it is with particular pride that we have as our guest of honor for the groundbreaking Senator John Warner, a person whose leadership and vision have had such a powerful influ-

ence on the world of aviation and space throughout the most recent decades of those first hundred years."

Several speakers noted that Newport News, nearby Norfolk and the rest of the Hampton Roads area of the Virginia capes represent a hotbed of aviation activity and history, including the NASA facility at Langley Air Force Base.

Sen. Warner (R-Va.) cautioned the several hundred people at the groundbreaking, which also included "preview" flybys from several nearby

military installations, that "one brick is missing" in the fair's foundation.

"Old Uncle Sam up in Washington has yet to take that step, which in my judgment is essential to the success of this program," the former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said. "Namely, recognition from the President on down through the several Cabinet agencies and departments—most particularly the departments of commerce and defense—that this should be the site for the world's fair."

Warner said that the state's congressional delegation will take on the task to see that "the proper recognition" from President Bush on down "literally consecrates this ground" as the place for the fair "to flourish and succeed," and he vowed that "we are going to make it work."

Following a media preview day on April 6, 2003, the fair will operate as a trade show limited to professional visitors from April 7 to 11. Later there will be "international days" devoted to business aviation, and several emphasizing army, air force and naval aviation, space and women in aviation.

Specialized displays will combine "museum-like" thematic halls dedicated to commercial, military and general aviation, vertical flight and space, with aerospace industry exhibits, static display

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**Senator Warner was the keynote speaker at the AWF groundbreaking.**

# Reagan National Reopens

*New security and operational features implemented*

President George Bush announced recently that Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport would reopen, after being the last airport to remain closed since the September 11 attacks.

This was welcome news to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) and the thousands of individuals who work at Reagan National Airport. MWAA has stated that they will work with the airlines and the businesses at the airport to ensure that all the necessary security and operational actions are taken to enable the return to business as outlined by the President.

MWAA has praised regional leaders in Congress; local elected officials in Virginia, the District of Columbia and Maryland; the business and travel and tourism community; and the individual citizens of the area who have tirelessly worked for the re-opening of Reagan National. Stressing the value, the trust and confidence that this support suggests, and saying MWAA will do their best to continue to serve the region from both Washington Dulles International Airport and Reagan National Airport.

Beginning on Oct 4th, these following operations began at National:

•US Airways Shuttle and Delta Shuttle flights to Boston's Logan Airport and New York's LaGuardia Airport. Additional service will be offered to the following destinations:

- Atlanta
- Chicago
- Dallas-Ft. Worth
- Minneapolis-St. Paul
- Newark
- Pittsburgh

The following airlines provided initial service starting October 4th: American Airlines, Continental Airlines, Delta Airlines, Northwest Airlines, United Airlines, US Airways.

Passengers should contact these airlines for specific flight information.

During the initial three-week period,

National will have nearly 200 scheduled flights operating daily. Additional destinations will be added over the ensuing 45-day period.

Beginning October 4th, the following operational procedures will be implemented:

•Straight-line flight approaches and departures will be used;

•Flight operations will be temporarily limited to between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.;

•Aircraft size will be limited to 156 seats or less.

Beginning Thursday, October 4th, passengers can expect additional security measures at Reagan National Airport. Some of these measures will be visible, while others will not.

•Curbside check-in service will not be offered at this time.

•Parking will not be available at Lot A-1. All other parking lots and the three parking garages will be open.

•Passengers will be limited to one carry-on bag and one personal item (a purse or briefcase).

•Prior to boarding the aircraft, passengers' identification and boarding passes will be checked to ensure they

match.

•There will also be random additional screening of passengers.

•Similar procedures will also be in place at pre-designated secured gates at the eight airports at which service will begin to and from National.

In addition to these special security measures, current security restrictions required by the FAA will apply. Those include:

•Implementation of the Federal Air Marshals program.

•Some airlines are again offering curbside check-in service with the approval of the FAA. Please contact your airline for information.

•Only ticketed passengers will be allowed through security.

•Special arrangements can be made with your airline for accompanying children and those needing special assistance to get to the gate. If you are meeting passengers at the airport, please park in the hourly parking garages and meet them on the baggage claim level.

•No parking or waiting will be allowed on the curb areas at National.

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**Reagan National's tower is busy once again after being the last of the nation's airports to be reopened.**

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•Unattended bags will be immediately confiscated by Airports Authority Police.

•With these increased FAA Security measures in place, passengers are required to bring a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or current passport.

•FAA security measures require careful screening of carry-on luggage.

•Passengers are urged to leave any sharp objects (pocket knives, razors, nail files, scissors, etc) at home or in their luggage checked in at the ticket counter.

•Passengers are urged to arrive 2 hours before their flight due to increased time it may take to get through airline ticketing and security.

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aircraft and flying demonstrations. Among the aircraft will be a full-scale, flying replica of the Wright Flyer, hot air balloons and modern commercial and military airplanes. Many airlines of the world, aircraft mechanics, aviation academies, experimental aircraft, sport aviation and interactive exhibits will also be part of the fair. Several days are listed for educational programs, which will include lecture series, student competitions, international exchanges and scholarship awards.

Kallman said the one-time event close to the eastern U.S. population centers could attract a million visitors over its 21-day run, exceeding the more than 750,000 who journey to the annual Experimental Aircraft Association meeting in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The Commonwealth of Virginia and the federal government, through the

FAA's Airport Improvement Program, have committed about \$35 million to prepare the airport for the fair and the infrastructure.

Kallman told the gathering that "the world is waiting to join us in this celebration," and in fact there were several foreign dignitaries at the groundbreaking. "Today validates everything this fair has stood for since its inception in 1996," he declared.

The Aviation World's Fair is a public-private partnership of the Commonwealth, city of Newport News, Peninsula Airport Commission and Aviation World's Fair Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of New Jersey-based Kallman Worldwide.

For more information on the Aviation World's Fair check out the web site at [www.awf2003.com](http://www.awf2003.com) or phone AWF headquarters at (201) 251-2600.

(excerpts provided by Aviation Intl. News, Oct. 01)

## Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport Receives \$7 Million Grant

*Grant helps to expedite the Aviation World's Fair infrastructure*

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded an additional \$7.7 million in grant funds for the Aviation World's Fair infrastructure and the South Corporate Ramp at Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport.

The grant will allow for the expedited completion of aircraft ramps and taxiways for the Fair, to be held in April 2003, and used as an aviation business park beyond the Fair.



## DOAV Employee Receives NASAO Award

Jim Bland, DOAV Airport Services manager, was recognized at the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) Annual Conference for his

contributions to Virginia and other state aviation programs. He received the NASAO Distinguished Service Award

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Jim Bland and Director of Aeronautics of Alabama John Eagerton along with Director of New Mexico Aviation Mike Rice show off Jim's award.

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# Southwest Begins Service at Norfolk International

*Service Up In The Air At Richmond International*

Southwest Airlines (NYSE: LUV) christened service at Norfolk International Airport recently with the breaking of confetti-filled champagne bottles and warm words from local dignitaries and Southwest Airlines representatives. "Southern Virginia travelers now can take advantage of Southwest's low fares and convenient service," said Bob Montgomery, Southwest's vice president of properties and facilities. "We welcome our new customers to the Southwest system and hope they will enjoy our one-of-a-kind customer service." Southwest Airlines began its service Sunday, Oct. 7, with seven daily nonstop flights to Baltimore/Washington, two to Jacksonville, one to Las Vegas and two to Orlando.

From these destinations, customers can continue on with direct or connecting flights to 32 other cities across the country, from New England to Southern California, and from the Florida Coast to the Great Northwest. "The city of Norfolk and the Hampton Roads region are indeed proud that such a prestigious company as Southwest Airlines selected Norfolk International Airport as its newest destination," said Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim. Southwest brings not only its exemplary customer service to Norfolk but also its legendary low fares.

For example, Southwest's full, unrestricted fare to Jacksonville, Fla., is only \$99 one-way, which is 81 percent less than the \$518 one-way fare currently offered by other airlines. This is not an introductory fare-it is available every day, on every flight, on every seat

to Jacksonville. Southwest's advance purchase fares are even lower. The airline offers a seven-day advance purchase fare of \$65 each way to Jacksonville. Tickets must be purchased at least seven days before departure and within one day of making reservations.

Additionally, Southwest is offering low sale fares as an incentive to ensure that customers take to the skies again. From now until Oct. 11, customers can buy three-day advance purchase roundtrip fares from \$34 to \$89 each-way for travel any day of the week.



Sample fares from Norfolk include: \$34 each way to Baltimore/Washington; \$58 each way to Jacksonville, Orlando, or Tampa Bay, Fla.; and \$89 each way to Las Vegas or Los Angeles. The fares are valid for travel through the Jan. 11, 2002. Tickets at these fares must be purchased at least three days before departure and within one day of making reservations.

Both the seven-day advance purchase fares and the three-day advance sale fares require roundtrip travel and an overnight stay (any night). Seats are limited and may not be available on

flights that operate during peak travel times and holiday periods. Tickets are nonrefundable but (except for tickets purchased through their group tickets program) may be applied to future travel on Southwest. Any change in itinerary may result in an increase in fare. Fares do not include a federal excise tax of up to \$3 per takeoff and landing nor airport taxes of up to \$18 roundtrip. Fares are not necessarily common rated in Houston, the Bay Area, or the LA Basin; and Orange County and is not included in the \$34-\$89 each way sale.

Plans for Southwest Airlines to begin service out of Richmond International Airport (RIC) appear to be on hold. In May, Southwest announced it would begin service from RIC in 18 to 24 months. But that was before the attacks on New York and Washington and the drop in airline traffic.

A spokesman says Southwest is not going to make any quick decisions in terms of spending money and growing the airline.

The airline's passenger traffic fell about 20-percent in September after the attacks. Nevertheless, they're the only airline to avoid widespread layoffs so far. Southwest is cutting commissions to travel agents, which should save Southwest \$40 million a year. Southwest Airlines is the country's premier low fare airline, with service to 58 cities from coast to coast. The fourth largest airline in terms of customers carried, Southwest currently has more than 33,000 employees and operates more than 2,760 flights a day.

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## RIC Set To Open New Rental Car Garage

The FAA approved the opening of Richmond International Airport's (RIC) new 410-space Rental Car Garage upon completion. The new Rental Car Garage serves the purpose of offering con-

venient all-weather rental car access to visitors, and, upon opening, will restore the hourly surface lot by the North Parking Garage for arriving and departing customers.

The new Rental Car Garage is anticipated to open in November, just before the Thanksgiving holiday travel season. For more information on RIC, please visit [www.flyric.com](http://www.flyric.com).

# Louisa County Holds 10th Annual Air Fair

The 10th Annual Louisa County Air Fair was recently held at Louisa County Airport/Freeman Field. The event was a huge success. Dawn Pickhardt of the Louisa Industrial Development Authority, the public agency that administers the airport and air show, approximated 5,000 people from Charlottesville to Virginia Beach in attendance.

There was real excitement when John Greenwood took to the air in his black and red Pitts biplane. The 70-year-old Air Force veteran made his final air show flight during the Louisa County Air Fair. Capping off a 30-year air show career that has seen Greenwood fly in 489 shows. Greenwood showed that he still has what it takes to perform. Greenwood performed many high-speed low-level aerobatics, showcasing many flips, rolls and hammerheads.

Jim Reed also flew his white and red Pitts biplane for his final performance after 16 years. Reed also performed many low-level stunts and some high-flying aerobatics.

Air show attendees were also treated to other flying aces and skydivers. The 12 skydivers jumped from 13,000-feet and maneuvered into a 12-man "starburst" formation. Re-

mote-controlled fighter jets and helicopters were also flown as part of the air show. Many aircraft were on display for those wanting a glimpse into the real thing.

Many children enjoyed face painting, helium balloons and ice cream. The event is definatley a family affair, with next year's already being planned. Make your plans to attend as well.



**Jim Reed prepares for his final flight. This was his last airshow performance.**

Photos by Dawn Pickhardt



**John Greenwood made his final performance at the Louisa County Air Fair. Greenwood has been performing for 30 years.**

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during the awards banquet in Albuquerque.

Jim joined the State Corporation Commission, Division of Aeronautics, as an Airport Engineer. In 1971, he transferred to the Engineering Division, SCC, where he provided technical assistance to consumers of electrical service and worked the investor-owned electrical utilities and electrical cooperatives.

In order to continue his career in air transportation, Jim left the SCC in August 1971 to accept a position with the Fairfax, Virginia engineering firm of Dewberry, Nealon and Davis. During his time there, he was in charge of construction supervision on all airport projects and also served as design engi-

neer on several of these projects. Jim returned to the SCC in 1974, and was



promoted to the position of Manager of the Airport Services Division in 1976.

In 1979, when the Department of Aviation was established as a separate

agency, Jim continued to serve as manager of the Airport Services Division. Currently, he is responsible for management of all of the financial assistance programs for airports involving capital improvements and maintenance for Virginia's 69 public-use airports. Also, the Division manages the installation and maintenance of the largest nonfederal, airport navigational aids programs east of the Mississippi.

Jim has been involved with numerous committees of NASAO, spoken at national conferences and has been asked to assist other states in formulating or reorganizing their aviation programs.

Please be sure and congratulate Jim on his well deserved award.

# Annual Virginia Aviation Conference Held

The 28th Annual Virginia Aviation Conference was recently held August 21-24, 2001 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The theme for this year's conference was "The Politics of Aviation."

Sponsored by the Virginia Department of Aviation, Virginia Aviation Board, the Virginia Airport Operators Council and Virginia Aviation Business Association, the conference allows the aviation community to come together for informative discussions and meetings.

This meeting of airport managers, sponsors, consultants, government officials and others with an interest in aviation in Virginia offered breakout sessions on a number of timely topics. An exhibit hall featured a wide range of airport-related products and aviation companies promoting and displaying.

On Tuesday evening, August 21<sup>st</sup>, a reception was hosted by the Virginia Aviation Board and held at the U.S. Capitol. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) also hosted a reception at the historic Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport terminal building on Wednesday evening August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The annual Virginia Aviation Awards Banquet was held on Thursday night August 23<sup>rd</sup>, honoring those who have made significant contributions to Virginia Aviation over the past year.

The 2001 Award for the Virginia Airport Manager of the Year was presented to Buford Cordle, Jr. This award was given for his perseverance and undying enthusiasm in the performance of his duties as Manager of Tazewell County Airport and his invaluable contributions to the aviation programs of the Commonwealth.

John R. Lillard was selected as the 2001 Virginia Aviation Person of the Year. This award was given for his exemplary abilities, vision, determination, dedication and enthusiasm to the development and modernization of Richmond International Airport. This award is also given to Mr. Lillard for his many contri-

butions to Virginia's Aviation Programs and the Virginia Air Transportation System, for which he had been a part for 22 years. Mr. Lillard recently passed away from complications related to his

cal air transportation through the Angel Flight of Virginia program. Tom is an instrument rated private pilot, who has flown over 80 Angel Flight missions in his Piper Cherokee 180 (based at Win-



**Buford Cordle was the recipient of the 2001 Virginia Airport Manager of the Year.**



**Jim Wilding was the recipient of the 2001 Virginia Aviation Lifetime Achievement Award.**



**The Lillard family attended the awards banquet to accept John's award on his behalf.**

ongoing battle with cancer.

In recognition of his lifetime dedication to Virginia's Washington area airports—Ronald Reagan Washington National and Washington-Dulles International Airports—and for his tireless, diligent support and progressive leadership in the aviation industry throughout the Commonwealth and the nation, President and CEO of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Jim Wilding was awarded the Virginia Aviation 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award.

The fifth annual Virginia Finest Pilot Award was given to Tom Gatewood of Hamilton, Virginia. This award is presented by Angel Flight of Virginia and The Virginia Department of Aviation to a Virginia pilot who has made an outstanding contribution to the health and welfare of Virginia citizens through his provision of no-cost, long-distance medi-

cal air transportation through the Angel Flight of Virginia program. Mr. Gatewood was also the award winner last year.

Three Virginia pilots who, this past year, had introduced the most young people to the joy of flight as a part of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles Program received the 2001 Virginia Top Eagle Awards. This year's "Top Eagle #1" is Raymond Judd of Huddleston, Virginia, who flew 104 Young Eagles. "Top Eagle #2" is Charles Curtis of Newport News, Virginia, who flew 75 Young Eagles. And "Top Eagle #3" is George Smith from Great Falls, Virginia, who flew 71 Young Eagles.

The Virginia Department of Aviation is pleased to congratulate all of the 2001 Virginia Aviation Awards winners and thank them for their outstanding contributions to Virginia Aviation.



## Stafford Regional: Preparing For Take Off



Photo by Jerry Jackson

The new Stafford Regional Airport is currently under construction and slated to open in the Fall of 2001. Designated as a reliever for the heavily congested Ronald Reagan National and Dulles International Airports, recreational and corporate pilots will find much to like about the new \$35 million Stafford Regional Airport.

In an era when General Aviation airports are disappearing due to competing demands for precious real estate and lack of local support, the develop-

ment of the Stafford Regional Airport is significant - not only because it bucks a disheartening trend but because it fills a niche.

The 550-acre Stafford Regional Airport, adjacent to Interstate 95, is strategically, and conveniently, located within the fourth largest market in the U.S., just minutes from the Nation's capitol and other northern Virginia business centers.

More information on Stafford in the next issue of Virginia Aviation.

## Governor Gilmore Calls on National Guard for Airport Security

President Bush, in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, recently asked the nation's governors to assign National Guard troops to assist with security at commercial airports.

Governor Jim Gilmore, in compliance with this request, ordered the troops to undergo three to four days of specialized training from the Federal Aviation Administration. Troops have been deployed and are now in place at all of Virginia's nine commercial airports.

Governor Gilmore visited with the soldiers of the Virginia Army National Guard at Fort Pickett as they prepare to provide airport security at Virginia's

commercial airports.

"The National Guard is preparing to enter into a new venue of homeland defense - guarding the American public and making air travel safe," said Governor Gilmore. "I have no doubt that they will succeed in their new mission because they represent the best traditions of service by the citizen-soldier."

Governor Gilmore addressed the soldiers and provided them with their charge for the upcoming mission. "We have needed you before, and you have always been there," said Governor Gilmore to the guardsmen. "We need you now, and here you are."

## Virginia Aviation Events

**November 5, 2001 Safety Seminar: Collision Avoidance** will be held at Atlantic Coast Airlines Headquarters, Dulles Virginia from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. One of a series of Aviation Safety Seminars sponsored by AOPA, DOAV, and the FAA.

**November 7, 2001 Safety Seminar: Collision Avoidance** will be held at the Virginia Air & Space Center, Hampton, Virginia from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. One of a series of Aviation Safety Seminars sponsored by AOPA, DOAV, and the FAA.

**November 8, 2001 Safety Seminar: Collision Avoidance** will be held at the Virginia Aviation Museum, Richmond, Virginia from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. One of a series of Aviation Safety Seminars sponsored by AOPA, DOAV, and the FAA.

**November 13, 2001 Safety Seminar: Collision Avoidance** will be held at Southwestern Virginia Higher Education Center, Abingdon, Virginia from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. One of a series of Aviation Safety Seminars sponsored by AOPA, DOAV, and the FAA.

**November 14, 2001 Safety Seminar: Collision Avoidance** will be held at Virginia Tech Airport, Blacksburg, Virginia 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. One of a series of Aviation Safety Seminars sponsored by AOPA, DOAV, and the FAA.

**November 15, 2001 Safety Seminar: Collision Avoidance** will be held at the Virginia Transportation Research Council, Charlottesville, Virginia from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. One of a series of Aviation Safety Seminars sponsored by AOPA, DOAV, and the FAA.

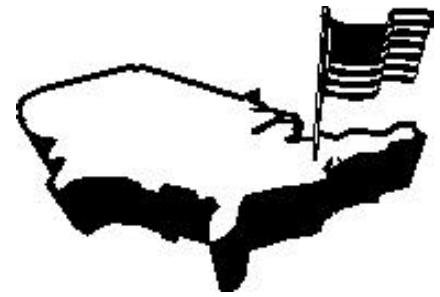
**For further information on any of these seminars, please contact Jeanie Carter, Safety Program Administrator at (804) 236-3639, ext. 133.**

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## Editor's Corner



## September 11, 2001



It was a beautiful early morning on the east coast of the U.S. with much promise for an even better afternoon. Then, at approximately 8:45 a.m., the world as we know it, changed forever.

I remember my twin brother calling me from his job and saying, "did you hear." "Hear what," I said. "A plane just slammed into the World Trade Center." I rushed to the TV and what I saw seemed like a very surreal movie scene, with the rest now being a horrible page in history.

Before the events of September 11, most Americans and many world citizens seemed to have the attitude that the United States was '*The World*.' A place where all could live the good life,

without the many worries of suicide bombers and terrorism. '*The World*' as we knew it, has changed forever.

Today, we no longer are '*The World*', today, we are now *Part* of the world.

Yet still, a place where the good-life can be found and dreams are still made into reality. We must not let our way of life be impeded upon by these horrible acts against humanity.

Our reality was terrorism could never happen here, suicide bombings don't happen here in America. The unthinkable has happened and in the words of President Bush, "the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible."

We no longer are the world, we are now part of the world. Now, we will lead the world to triumph over these despicable people, who want to thwart the liberty, independence and sovereignty of the United States of America and the rest of the free world.

Furthermore, to ALL fire fighters, police officers and rescue workers who risk their life everyday...THANK YOU!!! You are heroes everyday!!!

Finally, our thoughts are with those who lost friends, family and loved ones due to this tragedy.

We will never fall if we all stand. God Bless America, God Bless the Free World and let FREEDOM reign!!! -sd



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